

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL LEIGHTON,

Defendant.

CASE NO. CR17-0013-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Michael Leighton's motion to continue trial and extend the due date for pretrial motions (Dkt. No. 19). The Government does not oppose the motion or object to the new trial date. (*Id.* at 1.) Having reviewed the motion and the relevant record, the Court makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. Failure to grant the continuance in this case would likely result in a miscarriage of justice. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

2. Taking into account the exercise of due diligence, failure to grant the continuance in this case would deny defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, given the nature and complexity of the charges and the continuing production of discovery by the Government. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

3. The additional time requested is a reasonable period of delay, as more time is necessary for defense counsel to prepare for trial and the requested continuance is reasonably modest. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), (B)(iv).

